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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

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## AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS AND VICTIM SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 46b-15 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 *October 1, 2017*):

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(b) The application form shall allow the applicant, at the applicant's option, to indicate whether the respondent holds a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a long gun eligibility certificate or an ammunition certificate or possesses one or more firearms or ammunition. The application shall be accompanied by an affidavit made under oath which includes a brief statement of the conditions from which relief is sought. If the applicant attests that disclosure of the applicant's location information would jeopardize the health, safety or liberty of the applicant or the applicant's children, the applicant may request, on a form prescribed

15 <u>not be disclosed.</u> Upon receipt of the application the court shall order

by the Chief Court Administrator, that his or her location information

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16 that a hearing on the application be held not later than fourteen days 17 from the date of the order except that, if the application indicates that 18 the respondent holds a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a long gun eligibility 19 20 certificate or an ammunition certificate or possesses one or more 21 firearms or ammunition, and the court orders an ex parte order, the 22 court shall order that a hearing be held on the application not later 23 than seven days from the date on which the ex parte order is issued. 24 The court, in its discretion, may make such orders as it deems 25 appropriate for the protection of the applicant and such dependent 26 children or other persons as the court sees fit. In making such orders ex 27 parte, the court, in its discretion, may consider relevant court records if 28 the records are available to the public from a clerk of the Superior 29 Court or on the Judicial Branch's Internet web site. In addition, at the 30 time of the hearing, the court, in its discretion, may also consider a 31 report prepared by the family services unit of the Judicial Branch that 32 may include, as available: Any existing or prior orders of protection 33 obtained from the protection order registry; information on any 34 pending criminal case or past criminal case in which the respondent 35 was convicted of a violent crime; any outstanding arrest warrant for 36 the respondent; and the respondent's level of risk based on a risk 37 assessment tool utilized by the Court Support Services Division. The 38 report may also include information pertaining to any pending or 39 disposed family matters case involving the applicant and respondent. 40 Any report provided by the Court Support Services Division to the 41 court shall also be provided to the applicant and respondent. Such 42 orders may include temporary child custody or visitation rights, and 43 such relief may include, but is not limited to, an order enjoining the 44 respondent from (1) imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty 45 of the applicant; (2) threatening, harassing, assaulting, molesting, 46 sexually assaulting or attacking the applicant; or (3) entering the family 47 dwelling or the dwelling of the applicant. Such order may include 48 provisions necessary to protect any animal owned or kept by the 49 applicant including, but not limited to, an order enjoining the

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50 respondent from injuring or threatening to injure such animal. If an 51 applicant alleges an immediate and present physical danger to the 52 applicant, the court may issue an ex parte order granting such relief as 53 it deems appropriate. If a postponement of a hearing on the 54 application is requested by either party and granted, the ex parte order 55 shall not be continued except upon agreement of the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. If a hearing on the application 56 57 is scheduled or an ex parte order is granted and the court is closed on 58 the scheduled hearing date, the hearing shall be held on the next day 59 the court is open and any such ex parte order shall remain in effect 60 until the date of such hearing. If the applicant is under eighteen years 61 of age, a parent, guardian or responsible adult who brings the 62 application as next friend of the applicant may not speak on the 63 applicant's behalf at such hearing unless there is good cause shown as 64 to why the applicant is unable to speak on his or her own behalf, 65 except that nothing in this subsection shall preclude such parent, 66 guardian or responsible adult from testifying as a witness at such 67 hearing. As used in this subsection, "violent crime" includes: (A) An 68 incident resulting in physical harm, bodily injury or assault; (B) an act 69 of threatened violence that constitutes fear of imminent physical harm, 70 bodily injury or assault, including, but not limited to, stalking or a 71 pattern of threatening; (C) verbal abuse or argument if there is a 72 present danger and likelihood that physical violence will occur; and 73 (D) cruelty to animals as set forth in section 53-247.

Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 46b-16a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

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(a) Any person who has been the victim of sexual abuse, sexual assault or stalking [, as described in sections 53a-181c, 53a-181d and 53a-181e,] may make an application to the Superior Court for relief under this section, provided such person has not obtained any other court order of protection arising out of such abuse, assault or stalking and does not qualify to seek relief under section 46b-15. As used in this

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section, "stalking" means two or more wilful acts, performed in a
threatening, predatory or disturbing manner of: Harassing, following,
lying in wait for, surveilling, monitoring or sending unwanted gifts to
another person directly, indirectly or through a third person, by any
method, device or other means, that causes such person to reasonably
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(b) The application shall be accompanied by an affidavit made by the applicant under oath that includes a statement of the specific facts that form the basis for relief. If the applicant attests that disclosure of the applicant's location information would jeopardize the health, safety or liberty of the applicant or the applicant's children, the applicant may request, on a form prescribed by the Chief Court Administrator, that his or her location information not be disclosed. Upon receipt of the application, if the allegations set forth in the affidavit meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the court shall schedule a hearing not later than fourteen days from the date of the application. If a postponement of a hearing on the application is requested by either party, no ex parte order shall be continued except upon agreement of the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. If the court is closed on the scheduled hearing date, the hearing shall be held on the next day the court is open and any ex parte order that was issued shall remain in effect until the date of such hearing. If the applicant is under eighteen years of age, a parent, guardian or responsible adult who brings the application as next friend of the applicant may not speak on the applicant's behalf at such hearing unless there is good cause shown as to why the applicant is unable to speak on his or her own behalf, except that nothing in this subsection shall preclude such parent, guardian or responsible adult from testifying as a witness at such hearing. If the court finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the respondent has committed acts constituting grounds for issuance of an order under this section and will continue to commit such acts or acts designed to intimidate or retaliate against the applicant, the court, in its discretion, may make such orders as it

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deems appropriate for the protection of the applicant. If the court finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that an imminent danger exists to the applicant, the court may issue an ex parte order granting such relief as it deems appropriate. In making such orders, the court, in its discretion, may consider relevant court records if the records are available to the public from a clerk of the Superior Court or on the Judicial Branch's Internet web site. Such orders may include, but are not limited to, an order enjoining the respondent from: (1) Imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty of the applicant; (2) threatening, harassing, assaulting, molesting, sexually assaulting or attacking the applicant; and (3) entering the dwelling of the applicant.

- Sec. 3. Section 46b-124 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):
  - (a) For the purposes of this section, "records of cases of juvenile matters" includes, but is not limited to, court records, records regarding juveniles maintained by the Court Support Services Division, records regarding juveniles maintained by an organization or agency that has contracted with the Judicial Branch to provide services to juveniles, records of law enforcement agencies including fingerprints, photographs and physical descriptions, and medical, psychological, psychiatric and social welfare studies and reports by juvenile probation officers, public or private institutions, social agencies and clinics.
    - (b) All records of cases of juvenile matters, as provided in section 46b-121, except delinquency proceedings, or any part thereof, and all records of appeals from probate brought to the superior court for juvenile matters pursuant to section 45a-186, shall be confidential and for the use of the court in juvenile matters, and open to inspection or disclosure to any third party, including bona fide researchers commissioned by a state agency, only upon order of the Superior Court, except that: (1) Such records shall be available to (A) the attorney representing the child or youth, including the Division of

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148 Public Defender Services, in any proceeding in which such records are 149 relevant, (B) the parents or guardian of the child or youth until such 150 time as the child or youth reaches the age of majority or becomes 151 emancipated, (C) an adult adopted person in accordance with the 152 provisions of sections 45a-736, 45a-737 and 45a-743 to 45a-757, 153 inclusive, (D) employees of the Division of Criminal Justice who, in the 154 performance of their duties, require access to such records, (E) 155 employees of the Judicial Branch who, in the performance of their 156 duties, require access to such records, (F) another court under the 157 provisions of subsection (d) of section 46b-115j, (G) the subject of the 158 record, upon submission of satisfactory proof of the subject's identity, 159 pursuant to guidelines prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court 160 Administrator, provided the subject has reached the age of majority or 161 has been emancipated, (H) the Department of Children and Families, 162 (I) the employees of the Division of Public Defender Services who, in 163 the performance of their duties related to Division of Public Defender 164 Services assigned counsel, require access to such records, and (I) 165 judges and employees of the Probate Court who, in the performance of 166 their duties, require access to such records; and (2) all or part of the 167 records concerning a youth in crisis with respect to whom a court 168 order was issued prior to January 1, 2010, may be made available to 169 the Department of Motor Vehicles, provided such records are relevant 170 to such order. Any records of cases of juvenile matters, or any part 171 thereof, provided to any persons, governmental or private agencies, or 172 institutions pursuant to this section shall not be disclosed, directly or 173 indirectly, to any third party not specified in subsection (d) of this 174 section, except as provided by court order, in the report required 175 under section 54-76d or 54-91a or as otherwise provided by law.

(c) All records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings, or any part thereof, shall be confidential and for the use of the court in juvenile matters and shall not be disclosed except as provided in this section and section 4 of this act.

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180 (d) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency

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proceedings shall be available to (1) Judicial Branch employees who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records, (2) judges and employees of the Probate Court who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records, and (3) employees and authorized agents of state or federal agencies involved in (A) the delinquency proceedings, (B) the provision of services directly to the child, (C) the design and delivery of treatment programs pursuant to section 46b-121j, or (D) the delivery of court diversionary programs. Such employees and authorized agents include, but are not limited to, law enforcement officials, community-based youth service bureau officials, state and federal prosecutorial officials, school officials in accordance with section 10-233h, court officials including officials of both the regular criminal docket and the docket for juvenile matters and officials of the Division of Criminal Justice, the Division of Public Defender Services, the Department of Children and Families, the Court Support Services Division and agencies under contract with the Judicial Branch. Such records shall also be available to (i) the attorney representing the child, including the Division of Public Defender Services, in any proceeding in which such records are relevant, (ii) the parents or guardian of the child, until such time as the subject of the record reaches the age of majority, (iii) the subject of the record, upon submission of satisfactory proof of the subject's identity, pursuant to guidelines prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, provided the subject has reached the age of majority, (iv) law enforcement officials and prosecutorial officials conducting legitimate criminal investigations, (v) a state or federal agency providing services related to the collection of moneys due or funding to support the service needs of eligible juveniles, provided such disclosure shall be limited to that information necessary for the collection of and application for such moneys, and (vi) members and employees of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and employees of the Department of Correction who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records, provided the subject of the record has been convicted of a crime in the regular criminal docket of the Superior Court and such

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records are relevant to the performance of a risk and needs assessment of such person while such person is incarcerated, the determination of such person's suitability for release from incarceration or for a pardon, or the determination of the supervision and treatment needs of such person while on parole or other supervised release. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be further disclosed, except that information contained in such records may be disclosed in connection with bail or sentencing reports in open court during criminal proceedings involving the subject of such information, or as otherwise provided by law.

- (e) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings, or any part thereof, may be disclosed upon order of the court to any person who has a legitimate interest in the information and is identified in such order. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be further disclosed, except as specifically authorized by a subsequent order of the court.
- [(f) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings, or any part thereof, shall be available to the victim of the crime committed by such child to the same extent as the record of the case of a defendant in a criminal proceeding in the regular criminal docket of the Superior Court is available to a victim of the crime committed by such defendant. The court shall designate an official from whom such victim may request such information. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be further disclosed, except as specifically authorized by a subsequent order of the court.]
- [(g)] (f) Information concerning a child who is the subject of an order to take such child into custody or other process that has been entered into a central computer system pursuant to subsection (i) of section 46b-133 may be disclosed to employees and authorized agents of the Judicial Branch, law enforcement agencies and the Department of Children and Families in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Chief Court Administrator.

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[(h)] (g) Information concerning a child who has escaped from a detention center or from a facility to which the child has been committed by the court or for whom an arrest warrant has been issued with respect to the commission of a felony may be disclosed by law enforcement officials.

[(i)] (h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person employed by the Judicial Branch from disclosing any records, information or files in such employee's possession to any person employed by the Division of Criminal Justice as a prosecutorial official, inspector or investigator who, in the performance of his or her duties, requests such records, information or files, or to prohibit any such employee of said division from disclosing any records, information or files in such employee's possession to any such employee of the Judicial Branch who, in the performance of his or her duties, requests such records, information or files.

[(j)] (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a party from making a timely objection to the admissibility of evidence consisting of records of cases of juvenile matters, or any part thereof, in any Superior Court or Probate Court proceeding, or from making a timely motion to seal any such record pursuant to the rules of the Superior Court or the rules of procedure adopted under section 45a-78.

[(k)] (j) A state's attorney shall disclose to the defendant or such defendant's counsel in a criminal prosecution, without the necessity of a court order, exculpatory information and material contained in any record disclosed to such state's attorney pursuant to this section and may disclose, without a court order, information and material contained in any such record which could be the subject of a disclosure order.

[(l)] (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, any information concerning a child that is obtained during any detention screening or mental health screening or assessment of such

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child, during the provision of services pursuant to subsection (b) of section 46b-149, or during the performance of an educational evaluation pursuant to subsection (e) of section 46b-149, shall be used solely for planning and treatment purposes and shall otherwise be confidential and retained in the files of the entity providing such services or performing such screening, assessment or evaluation. Such information may be further disclosed only for the purposes of any court-ordered evaluation or treatment of the child or provision of services to the child, or pursuant to sections 17a-101 to 17a-101e, inclusive, 17b-450, 17b-451 or 51-36a. Any information concerning a child that is obtained during the administration of the detention screening instrument in accordance with section 46b-133 shall be used solely for the purpose of making a recommendation to the court regarding the detention of the child. Such information shall not be subject to subpoena or other court process for use in any other proceeding or for any other purpose.

[(m)] (1) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings, or any part thereof, containing information that a child has been convicted as delinquent for a violation of subdivision (e) of section 1-1h, subsection (c) of section 14-147, subsection (a) of section 14-215, section 14-222, subsection (b) of section 14-223, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 14-224, section 30-88a or subsection (b) of section 30-89, shall be disclosed to the Department of Motor Vehicles for administrative use in determining whether administrative sanctions regarding such child's motor vehicle operator's license are warranted. Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be further disclosed.

[(n)] (m) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving adoption proceedings, or any part thereof, shall be confidential and may only be disclosed pursuant to sections 45a-743 to 45a-757, inclusive.

(n) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings shall be available to a victim of the delinquent act in

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Sec. 4. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2017) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes concerning the confidentiality of records of cases of juvenile matters, as defined in section 46b-124 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, whether in a matter designated by the court for a nonjudicial disposition pursuant to section 46b-128 of the general statutes or otherwise, any victim of a delinquent act committed by a child shall, without a court order, have access to: (1) The name and address of the child; (2) the name and address of the child's parents or guardian; (3) any charges pending against the child at the time that the victim requests such information that relate to such delinquent act; (4) information pertaining to the disposition of the matter that relates to such delinquent act; and (5) any order entered by the court pertaining to the victim, including, but not limited to, any order of no contact between the child and the victim. Any information received by a victim of a delinquent act pursuant to this subsection may be utilized by the victim in a subsequent civil action for damages related to an act of delinquency committed by the child, but such information shall not be further disclosed except as specifically authorized by an order of the court. For the purposes of this section "victim" means a person who is the victim of a delinquent act, the legal representative of such person, a parent or guardian of such person, if such person is a minor, or a victim advocate for such person under section 54-220 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

(b) Records of cases of juvenile matters, as defined in subsection (a) of section 46b-124 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, other than those enumerated in subsection (a) of this section, including, but not limited to, police reports, arrest warrants, search warrants and any affidavits associated with such warrants that involve the victim may be disclosed to the victim upon order of the court for good cause shown. Information disclosed to the victim pursuant to this subsection shall not be further disclosed, except as specifically authorized by an order

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- (c) In determining whether good cause exists for the granting or denial of access to records pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the court shall consider: (1) The age of the child; (2) the degree of injury to the victim or damage to property caused by the child's delinquent act; (3) whether a compelling reason exists for disclosure or nondisclosure of the information contained in such records; and (4) whether the release of such information would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation. When making a good cause determination, the court may not consider as a factor whether the victim has an alternate means of ascertaining the information delineated in subsection (b) of this section.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a party from making a timely objection to the release of information available to the victim pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or from making a request that any records, or portions thereof, not be disclosed to any person, including to a victim. When determining whether to sustain an objection made pursuant to this subsection, the court shall consider (1) the timeliness of the objection; (2) the well-being of the child; (3) the protection of the child, witnesses and others from harm; and (4) whether the release of information will jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 46b-133e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):
  - (b) As a condition of eligibility for suspension of prosecution and placement in a school violence prevention program pursuant to this section, (1) the child shall agree to participate in a program of anger management and nonviolent conflict resolution consisting of [at least eight] group counseling sessions, and to satisfactorily complete such program, (2) the child shall agree to comply with any orders of the

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court, and (3) the parents or guardian of such child shall certify under penalty of false statement that, to the best of such parents' or guardian's knowledge and belief, neither such parent or guardian nor such child possesses any firearms, dangerous weapons, controlled substances or other property or materials the possession of which is prohibited by law or in violation of the law.

Sec. 6. Subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- 383 (f) (1) (A) The Family Support Magistrate Division shall include nine 384 family support magistrates who shall, (i) prior to January 1, 2017, be 385 appointed by the Governor to serve in that capacity for a term of three 386 years, and (ii) on and after January 1, 2017, be nominated by the 387 Governor and appointed by the General Assembly to serve in that 388 capacity for a term of five years, except that each family support 389 magistrate serving on December 31, 2016, shall continue to serve in 390 that capacity on and after January 1, 2017, until the expiration of such 391 magistrate's three-year term, unless removed from office pursuant to 392 this subsection, and shall continue to serve after the expiration of such 393 three-year term until a successor is appointed or the family support 394 magistrate's nomination has failed to be approved in accordance with 395 this subsection. A family support magistrate may be nominated by the 396 Governor for reappointment. If a family support magistrate continues 397 to serve after the expiration of such three-year term and such family 398 support magistrate is nominated by the Governor for reappointment, 399 the family support magistrate's five-year term shall begin on the date 400 that the General Assembly approves the nomination pursuant to 401 subdivision (3) of this subsection.
  - (B) To be eligible for nomination as a family support magistrate, a person shall have engaged in the practice of law for five years prior to appointment and be experienced in the field of family law. The family support magistrate shall devote full time to the duties of a family

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- support magistrate and shall not engage in the private practice of law.
- 407 A family support magistrate may be removed from office by the
- 408 Governor for cause and is subject to admonishment, censure,
- suspension and removal from office as provided in chapter 872a.
- Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 47a-70 of the general statutes is
- 411 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 412 *October 1, 2017*):
- 413 (a) All proceedings involving a housing matter in the judicial
- district of Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Fairfield, Waterbury or
- 415 Stamford-Norwalk shall first be placed on the housing docket for that
- 416 district, provided that the judge before whom such proceeding is
- 417 brought may transfer such matter to the regular docket for a
- 418 [geographical area or] judicial district if he determines that such matter
- 419 is not a housing matter or that such docket is more suitable for the
- disposition of the case. Any case so entered or transferred to either
- 421 docket shall be proceeded upon as are other cases of like nature
- 422 standing on such docket.
- Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 51-181 of the general statutes is
- 424 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 425 *passage*):
- 426 (a) The Superior Court shall sit continuously throughout the year, at
- such times and places and for such periods as are set by the Chief
- 428 Court Administrator or, with the approval of the Chief Court
- 429 Administrator, his designee, in the following cities or towns except as
- 430 otherwise provided by law: (1) In the judicial district of Ansonia-
- 431 Milford, at Ansonia or Derby and at Milford; (2) in the judicial district
- 432 of Danbury, at Danbury; (3) in the judicial district of Fairfield, at
- Bridgeport; (4) in the judicial district of Hartford, at Hartford and,
- 434 whenever suitable accommodations are provided without expense to
- 435 the state, at Manchester; (5) in the judicial district of Litchfield, at
- Litchfield, New Milford, Winchester and Torrington; (6) in the judicial

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- district of Middlesex, at Middletown; (7) in the judicial district of New
- 438 Britain, at New Britain and Bristol; (8) in the judicial district of New
- 439 Haven, at New Haven and Meriden; (9) in the judicial district of New
- 440 London, at Norwich and New London; (10) in the judicial district of
- 441 Stamford-Norwalk, at Stamford; (11) in the judicial district of Tolland,
- at Rockville; (12) in the judicial district of Waterbury, at Waterbury;
- 443 and (13) in the judicial district of Windham, at Putnam. [and
- 444 Willimantic.]
- Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 51-196 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 447 passage):
- 448 (e) The secretary of the review division shall act as its clerk or, if
- there is no such secretary, the clerk of the superior court for the judicial
- district in which the review division is meeting shall act as the clerk of
- 451 the division. The acting clerk of the review division shall send the
- original of each decision to the clerk of the court where the judgment
- was rendered and a copy thereof to the Chief Justice, the judge who
- imposed the sentence or commitment reviewed, the person sentenced
- or committed, the principal officer of the correctional institution in
- which such person is confined and the Reporter of Judicial Decisions. [,
- 457 who shall select therefrom for publication such decisions as the
- reporter deems will be useful as precedents or will serve the public
- interest and shall prepare them for publication in the manner in which
- decisions of the Supreme Court are prepared. Decisions thus prepared
- 461 for publication shall be published in the Connecticut Law Journal and,
- 462 if the Reporter of Judicial Decisions so directs, in the Connecticut
- 463 Supplement.]
- Sec. 10. Section 51-215 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):
- [The Reporter of Judicial Decisions shall obtain a sufficient number
- 467 of records and briefs of all cases determined in the Supreme Court and

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468 cause them to be bound in convenient size, with an index. The 469 Reporter of Judicial Decisions shall send a copy of the records and 470 briefs to the State Library and each law library under the supervision 471 of the Office of the Chief Court Administrator. The expense of binding 472 and transportation shall be paid by the state.] The chief clerk of the Supreme Court shall electronically provide to the State Library 473 474 publicly available briefs of all cases determined in the Supreme Court 475 and the Appellate Court, in a format and on a schedule that is 476 mutually agreed to by the chief clerk of the Supreme Court and the 477 State Librarian.

Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 51-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 480 October 1, 2017):

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(a) All jurors shall be electors, or citizens of the United States who are residents of this state having a permanent place of abode in this state and appear on the list compiled by the Jury Administrator under subsection (b) of section 51-222a, who have reached the age of eighteen. A person shall be disqualified to serve as a juror if such person: (1) Is found by a judge of the Superior Court to exhibit any quality which will impair the capacity of such person to serve as a juror, except that no person shall be disqualified on the basis of deafness or hearing impairment; (2) has been convicted of a felony within the past seven years or is a defendant in a pending felony case or is in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction; (3) is not able to speak and understand the English language; (4) is the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General; (5) is a judge of the Probate Court, Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court, is a family support magistrate or is a federal court judge; (6) is a member of the General Assembly, provided such disqualification shall apply only while the General Assembly is in session; (7) is a registrar of voters or deputy registrar of voters of a municipality, provided such disqualification shall apply only during the period from twenty-one days before the date of a

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501 federal, state or municipal election, primary or referendum to twenty-502 one days after the date of such election, primary or referendum, 503 inclusive; (8) is seventy years of age or older and chooses not to 504 perform juror service; [or] (9) is incapable, by reason of a physical or 505 mental disability, of rendering satisfactory juror service; or (10) for the 506 jury year commencing on September 1, 2017, and each jury year 507 thereafter, has served as (A) a federal juror on a matter that has been 508 tried to a jury during the last three preceding jury years, or (B) a 509 federal grand juror during the last three preceding jury years. Any 510 person claiming a disqualification under subdivision (9) of this 511 subsection [must] shall submit to the Jury Administrator a letter from a 512 licensed health care provider stating the health care provider's opinion 513 that such disability prevents the person from rendering satisfactory 514 juror service. In reaching such opinion, the health care provider shall 515 apply the following guideline: A person shall be capable of rendering 516 satisfactory juror service if such person is able to perform a sedentary 517 job requiring close attention for six hours per day, with short work 518 breaks in the morning and afternoon sessions, for at least three 519 consecutive business days. Any person claiming a disqualification 520 under subdivision (10) of this subsection shall supply proof of federal 521 jury service satisfactory to the Jury Administrator.

- Sec. 12. Section 51-345 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):
- (a) Except as provided in section 51-348, as amended by this act, and subsections (b) to [(g)] (i), inclusive, of this section, all civil process shall be made returnable to a judicial district, as follows:
- 527 (1) If all the parties reside outside this state, to the judicial district 528 where (A) the injury occurred, (B) the transaction occurred, or (C) the 529 property is located or lawfully attached.
- 530 (2) If the defendant is not a resident, to the judicial district where the attached property is located.

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- 532 (3) If either or both the plaintiff or defendant are residents of this 533 state, to the judicial district where either the plaintiff or defendant 534 resides, except:
- (A) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Manchester, East Windsor, South Windsor or Enfield, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district of Tolland.

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- (B) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Plymouth, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of New Britain or the judicial district of Waterbury.
- (C) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of New Haven or the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford.
  - (D) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Southbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial district of Waterbury.
- (E) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport or Wilton, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk or the judicial district of Fairfield.
  - (F) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of Watertown or Woodbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Waterbury or the judicial district of Litchfield.
- 560 (G) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of Avon,

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- 561 Canton, Farmington or Simsbury, the action may be made returnable 562 at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or 563 the judicial district of New Britain.
- 564 (H) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of 565 Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield, the action may be made 566 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of 567 Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain, except for actions 568 where venue is in the geographical area as provided in section 51-348, 569 as amended by this act, or in rules of court.
- 570 (I) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of 571 Cromwell, the action may be made returnable at the option of the 572 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district 573 of Middlesex.
- 574 (J) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of New 575 Milford, the action may be made returnable at the option of the 576 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Danbury or the judicial district 577 of Litchfield.
- 578 (K) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of 579 Windham or Ashford, the action may be made returnable at the option 580 of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Windham or the judicial 581 district of Tolland.
- 582 (b) In all actions involving the title to land, for trespass to land and 583 to foreclose or redeem mortgages or liens upon real property, civil 584 process shall be made returnable to the judicial district where the real property is located, either entirely or in part, except:

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586 (1) If the land is located in the town of Manchester, East Windsor, 587 South Windsor or Enfield and either the plaintiff or the defendant 588 resides in the town of Manchester, East Windsor, South Windsor or 589 Enfield, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff 590 to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district of

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- (2) If the land is located in the town of Plymouth and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Plymouth, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of New Britain or the judicial district of Waterbury.
- (3) If the land is located in the town of Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of New Haven or the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford.
- (4) If the land is located in the town of Southbury and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Southbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial district of Waterbury.
  - (5) If the land is located in the town of Weston, Westport or Wilton and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in any one of these towns, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk or the judicial district of Fairfield.
- (6) If the land is located in the town of Watertown or Woodbury and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Watertown or Woodbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Waterbury or the judicial district of Litchfield.
- 617 (7) If the land is located in the town of Avon, Canton, Farmington or 618 Simsbury and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town 619 of Avon, Canton, Farmington or Simsbury, the action may be made 620 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of

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- (8) If the land is located in the town of Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain, except for actions where venue is in the geographical area as provided in section 51-348, as amended by this act, or in rules of court.
- (9) If the land is located in the town of New Milford and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of New Milford, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Danbury or the judicial district of Litchfield.
- (c) In all actions by a corporation, except actions made returnable under subsection (b), (d) or (g) of this section, civil process shall be made returnable as follows:
  - (1) If the plaintiff is either a domestic corporation or a United States corporation and the defendant is a resident, either (A) to the judicial district where the plaintiff has an office or place of business or (B) to the judicial district where the defendant resides.
  - (2) If the plaintiff is either a domestic corporation or a United States corporation and the defendant is a corporation, domestic or foreign, to the judicial district where (A) the plaintiff has an office or place of business, (B) the injury occurred, (C) the transaction occurred, or (D) the property is located or lawfully attached.
- (3) If the plaintiff is a foreign corporation and the defendant is a resident, to the judicial district where the defendant resides.
  - (4) If the plaintiff is a foreign corporation and the defendant is a corporation, domestic or foreign, to the judicial district where (A) the injury occurred, (B) the transaction occurred, or (C) the property is

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650 located or lawfully attached.

- (d) In all actions involving consumer transactions, civil process shall be made returnable to the judicial district where the consumer resides or where the transaction occurred. For the purposes of this subsection, consumer transaction means a transaction in which a natural person obligates himself to pay for goods sold or leased, services rendered or moneys loaned for personal, family or household purposes.
- (e) In all actions for the partition or sale of any property, civil process shall be made returnable to the judicial district where the parties, or one of them, reside; but, if none of them resides in this state, then to the judicial district where all or a part of the property is located.
  - (f) In all actions by a nonresident executor, trustee under a will or administrator, civil process shall be made returnable to the same judicial district as would be proper if the plaintiff resided in the town where the court of probate which granted administration is held.
  - (g) Venue for small claims matters shall be at Superior Court facilities designated by the Chief Court Administrator to hear such matters. In small claims matters, civil process shall be made returnable to the Superior Court facility designated by the Chief Court Administrator to serve the small claims area where the plaintiff resides, where the defendant resides or is doing business or where the transaction or injury occurred. If the plaintiff is a domestic corporation, a United States corporation, a foreign corporation or a limited liability company, civil process shall be made returnable to a Superior Court facility designated by the Chief Court Administrator to serve the small claims area where the defendant resides or is doing business or where the transaction or injury occurred.
  - (h) In all actions involving housing matters, as defined in section 47a-68, except a summary process matter, civil process shall be made returnable to the judicial district where the premises is located, except:

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- (A) If the premises is located in Avon, Canton, Farmington,
- Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury or Wethersfield, the action may be
- 683 made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial
- 684 <u>district of Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain.</u>
- (B) If the premises is located in Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby,
- 686 Oxford, Seymour or Shelton, the action shall be made returnable to the
- 687 judicial district of Ansonia-Milford. After the filing of the action, the
- 688 plaintiff or defendant may request a change in venue to the judicial
- district of New Haven or the judicial district of Waterbury.
- (C) If the premises is located in Milford, Orange or West Haven, the
- action shall be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either
- 692 the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial district of New
- 693 Haven.
- (i) In all actions involving summary process matters, civil process
- 695 shall be made returnable to the judicial district where (A) the
- defendant resides or where the leased premises or trailer is located, or
- 697 (B) if the defendant is a corporation, where it has an office or place of
- business, or (C) if the defendant is a nonresident, where the plaintiff
- 699 resides or where the land lies.
- Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 51-346 of the general statutes is
- 701 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 702 passage):
- 703 (a) Process in all civil actions brought to a judicial district, except
- small claims as provided in subsection (b) of this section, shall be made
- 705 returnable as follows:
- 706 (1) If brought to the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford, to the court
- at Ansonia or Milford as the plaintiff elects;
- 708 (2) If brought to the judicial district of Danbury, to the court at
- 709 Danbury;

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- 710 (3) If brought to the judicial district of Fairfield, to the court at 711 Bridgeport;
- 712 (4) If brought to the judicial district of Hartford, to the court at 713 Hartford;
- 714 (5) If brought to the judicial district of Litchfield, to the courthouse 715 for the judicial district of Litchfield;
- 716 (6) If brought to the judicial district of Middlesex, to the court at 717 Middletown;
- 718 (7) If brought to the judicial district of New Britain, to the court at 719 New Britain or Bristol as the plaintiff elects;
- 720 (8) If brought to the judicial district of New Haven, to the court at 721 New Haven or Meriden as the plaintiff elects;
- 722 (9) If brought to the judicial district of New London, to the court at 723 New London or Norwich as the plaintiff elects;
- 724 (10) If brought to the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk, to the court at Stamford;
- 726 (11) If brought to the judicial district of Tolland, to the court at 727 Rockville;
- 728 (12) If brought to the judicial district of Waterbury, to the court at 729 Waterbury;
- 730 (13) If brought to the judicial district of Windham, to the court at 731 Putnam. [or Willimantic as the plaintiff elects.]
- Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 51-347 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 735 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any writ

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- 736 returnable to a judicial district and any motion, pleading or
- 737 appearance shall be filed with the clerk of the judicial district to which
- 738 the writ is returnable as follows:
- 739 (1) At the courthouse for the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford if
- 740 returnable to the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford at Ansonia or
- 741 Milford;
- 742 (2) At Danbury if returnable to the judicial district of Danbury;
- 743 (3) At Bridgeport if returnable to the judicial district of Fairfield;
- 744 (4) At Hartford if returnable to the judicial district of Hartford;
- 745 (5) At the courthouse for the judicial district of Litchfield if
- 746 returnable to the judicial district of Litchfield;
- 747 (6) At Middletown if returnable to the judicial district of Middlesex;
- 748 (7) At New Britain if returnable to the judicial district of New Britain
- 749 at New Britain or Bristol;
- 750 (8) (A) At New Haven if returnable to the judicial district of New
- 751 Haven at New Haven, (B) at Meriden if returnable to the judicial
- 752 district of New Haven at Meriden;
- 753 (9) (A) At New London if returnable to the judicial district of New
- 754 London at New London, (B) at Norwich if returnable to the judicial
- 755 district of New London at Norwich;
- 756 (10) At Stamford if returnable to the judicial district of Stamford-
- 757 Norwalk;
- 758 (11) At Rockville if returnable to the judicial district of Tolland;
- 759 (12) At Waterbury if returnable to the judicial district of Waterbury;
- 760 <u>and</u>

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- 761 (13) At Putnam if returnable to the judicial district of Windham. [at Putnam or Willimantic.]
- Sec. 15. Section 51-27c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- A convenient place for holding the Superior Court at Rockville [,] and Putnam [and Willimantic] shall be furnished by the Commissioner of Administrative Services.
- Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 51-348 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 771 (b) Such geographical areas shall serve for purposes of establishing 772 venue for the following matters: (1) The presentment of defendants in 773 motor vehicle matters, except as provided in subsection (d) of this 774 section; (2) the arraignment of defendants in criminal matters; [(3) 775 housing matters as defined in section 47a-68, except that (A) in the 776 judicial districts of Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Fairfield, 777 Waterbury, Middlesex, Tolland and Stamford-Norwalk and in any 778 other judicial district for which the Chief Court Administrator 779 determines that the prompt and proper administration of judicial 780 business requires that venue for housing matters be in the judicial 781 district, venue shall be in the judicial district, and (B) in the judicial 782 district of Ansonia-Milford, venue shall be in the geographical area 783 unless (i) the plaintiff requests a change in venue to either the judicial 784 district of New Haven or the judicial district of Waterbury, or (ii) the 785 premises are located in the town of Milford, Orange or West Haven, in 786 which case venue shall be in the judicial district of New Haven; (4)] 787 and (3) such other matters as the judges of the Superior Court may 788 determine by rule.
- Sec. 17. Section 51-349 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

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- Actions shall be made returnable to geographical areas as follows:
- 792 [(1) In landlord and tenant matters arising under chapter 830 or chapter 831, in the geographical area where the premises are located;
- (2) In summary process matters, in the geographical area (A) where the defendant resides or where the leased premises or trailer is located, or (B) if the defendant is a corporation, where it has an office or place of business, or (C) if the defendant is a nonresident, where the plaintiff resides or where the land lies;
- [(3)] (1) In matters regarding state and local health and building code violations, in the geographical area where the premises are located; and
- [(4)] (2) In any other matter, in such geographical area as is prescribed by statute.
- Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 52-259 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

 (a) There shall be paid to the clerks for entering each appeal or writ of error to the Supreme Court, or entering each appeal to the Appellate Court, as the case may be, two hundred fifty dollars, and for each civil cause in the Superior Court, three hundred sixty dollars, except (1) two hundred thirty dollars for entering each case in the Superior Court in which the sole claim for relief is damages and the amount, legal interest or property in demand is less than two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) one hundred seventy-five dollars for summary process and landlord and tenant actions; [and] (3) there shall be no entry fee for making an application to the Superior Court for relief under section 46b-15, as amended by this act, or 46b-16a, as amended by this act, or 46b-16a, as amended by this act; and (4) there shall be no entry fee for a civil cause

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brought under section 53a-28a, as amended by this act. If the amount, legal interest or property in demand by the plaintiff is alleged to be less than two thousand five hundred dollars, a new entry fee of seventy-five dollars shall be charged if the plaintiff amends his or her complaint to state that such demand is not less than two thousand five hundred dollars.

Sec. 19. Section 53a-28a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

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All financial obligations ordered pursuant to subsection (c) of section 53a-28 or subsection (a) of section 53a-30, as amended by this act, may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action by the party or entity to whom the obligation is owed. The party or entity seeking enforcement of the financial obligations as a judgment in a civil action shall file with the Superior Court a copy of the court's order of restitution ordered pursuant to section 53a-28 or 53a-30, as amended by this act, together with an affidavit prepared by the agency or entity monitoring payment of the obligations, on a form prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, attesting to the terms of restitution and manner of performance fixed by the court or the Court Support Services Division, identifying the amount of the obligation that has been paid and the amount of the obligation that is owed. Such obligations may be enforced at any time during the ten-year period following the offender's release from confinement or termination of probation, or within ten years of the entry of the order and sentence, whichever is longer. There shall be no entry fee for filing an enforcement action pursuant to this section. Not later than thirty days after the date of filing of the judgment and the affidavit, the judgment creditor shall mail notice of filing of the judgment by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the judgment debtor at such judgment debtor's last-known address. The proceeds of an execution shall not be distributed to the judgment creditor earlier than thirty days after the date of filing proof of service with the clerk of the court in which enforcement of such judgment is sought. No fee shall be

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required for the filing of an execution. The payment of marshal's fees for service of an execution shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of section 52-261.

Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 53a-30 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* October 1, 2017):

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(a) When imposing sentence of probation or conditional discharge, the court may, as a condition of the sentence, order that the defendant: (1) Work faithfully at a suitable employment or faithfully pursue a course of study or of vocational training that will equip the defendant for suitable employment; (2) undergo medical or psychiatric treatment and remain in a specified institution, when required for that purpose; (3) support the defendant's dependents and meet other family obligations; (4) make restitution of the fruits of the defendant's offense or make restitution, in an amount the defendant can afford to pay or provide in a suitable manner, for the loss or damage caused thereby. [and the court] The court or the Court Support Services Division, if authorized by the court, may fix the amount thereof and the manner of performance, and the victim shall be advised that restitution ordered under this section may be enforced pursuant to section 53a-28a, as amended by this act; (5) if a minor, (A) reside with the minor's parents or in a suitable foster home, (B) attend school, and (C) contribute to the minor's own support in any home or foster home; (6) post a bond or other security for the performance of any or all conditions imposed; (7) refrain from violating any criminal law of the United States, this state or any other state; (8) if convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony, other than a capital felony under the provisions of section 53a-54b in effect prior to April 25, 2012, a class A felony or a violation of section 21a-278, 21a-278a, 53a-55, 53a-56, 53a-56b, 53a-57, 53a-58 or 53a-70b or any offense for which there is a mandatory minimum sentence which may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and any sentence of imprisonment is suspended, participate in an alternate incarceration program; (9) reside in a residential community center or halfway

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887 house approved by the Commissioner of Correction, and contribute to 888 the cost incident to such residence; (10) participate in a program of 889 community service labor in accordance with section 53a-39c; (11) 890 participate in a program of community service in accordance with 891 section 51-181c; (12) if convicted of a violation of subdivision (2) of 892 subsection (a) of section 53-21, section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-71, 893 53a-72a or 53a-72b, undergo specialized sexual offender treatment; (13) 894 if convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a 895 nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, as defined in 896 section 54-250, or of a felony that the court finds was committed for a 897 sexual purpose, as provided in section 54-254, register such person's 898 identifying factors, as defined in section 54-250, with the 899 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection when 900 required pursuant to section 54-251, 54-252 or 54-253, as the case may 901 be; (14) be subject to electronic monitoring, which may include the use of a global positioning system; (15) if convicted of a violation of section 902 903 46a-58, 53-37a, 53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181*l*, participate in an anti-bias 904 crime education program; (16) if convicted of a violation of section 53-905 247, undergo psychiatric or psychological counseling or participate in 906 an animal cruelty prevention and education program provided such a 907 program exists and is available to the defendant; or (17) satisfy any 908 other conditions reasonably related to the defendant's rehabilitation. 909 The court shall cause a copy of any such order to be delivered to the 910 defendant and to the probation officer, if any.

- 911 Sec. 21. Subsection (h) of section 54-56j of the general statutes is 912 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 914 (h) The school violence prevention program shall consist of [at least eight] group counseling sessions in anger management and nonviolent conflict resolution.
- 917 Sec. 22. Section 54-201 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- As used in sections 54-201 to 54-233, inclusive, as amended by this act:
- 921 (1) "Victim" means a person who is injured or killed as provided in 922 section 54-209, as amended by this act;
- (2) "Personal injury" means (A) actual bodily harm [and mental anguish which is the direct result of bodily injury] or emotional harm and includes pregnancy and any condition thereof, or (B) injury or death to a [guide dog or assistance dog] service animal owned or kept by a [blind or disabled] person with a disability;
- (3) "Dependent" means any relative of a deceased victim or a person designated by a deceased victim in accordance with section 1-56r who was wholly or partially dependent upon his income at the time of his death or the child of a deceased victim and shall include the child of such victim born after his death;
- 933 (4) "Relative" means a person's spouse, parent, grandparent, 934 stepparent, child, including a natural born child, stepchild and 935 adopted child, grandchild, brother, sister, half brother or half sister or 936 a parent of a person's spouse;
- 937 (5) "Crime" means any act which is a felony, as defined in section 938 53a-25, or misdemeanor, as defined in section 53a-26, and includes any 939 crime committed by a juvenile; and
- 940 (6) "Emotional harm" means a mental or emotional impairment that 941 is directly attributable to a threat of (A) physical injury, as defined in 942 subdivision (3) of section 53a-3, or (B) death to the affected person that 943 requires treatment through services.
- 944 Sec. 23. Section 54-203 of the general statutes is repealed and the 945 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 946 (a) There is established an Office of Victim Services within the 947 Judicial Department.

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- 948 (b) The Office of Victim Services shall have the following powers 949 and duties:
- 950 (1) To direct each hospital, whether public or private, <u>each</u> 951 university or college health services center, whether public or private, 952 and each community health center, as defined in section 19a-490a, to 953 [display prominently in its emergency room] prominently display 954 posters in a conspicuous location giving notice of the availability of 955 compensation and assistance to victims of crime or their dependents 956 pursuant to sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended 957 by this act, and to direct every law enforcement agency of the state to 958 inform victims of crime or their dependents of their rights pursuant to 959 sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act;

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- (2) To [request] <u>obtain</u> from the office of the state's attorney, state police, local police departments or any law enforcement agency such investigation and data, <u>including</u>, <u>but not limited to</u>, a <u>request for information form promulgated by the Office of Victim Services</u>, as will enable the Office of Victim Services to determine if in fact the applicant was a victim of a crime or attempted crime and the extent, if any, to which the victim or claimant was responsible for his own injury;
- (3) To request from the Department of Correction, other units of the Judicial Department and the Board of Pardons and Paroles such information as will enable the Office of Victim Services to determine if in fact a person who has requested notification pursuant to section 54-228 was a victim of a crime;
- 972 [(4) To direct medical examination of victims as a requirement for 973 payment under sections 54-201 to 54-233, inclusive;]
- 974 [(5)] (4) To take or cause to be taken affidavits or depositions within 975 or without the state;
- 976 [(6)] (5) To apply for, receive, allocate, disburse and account for grants of funds made available by the United States, by the state,

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foundations, corporations and other businesses, individuals to implement a program for victim services which shall assist witnesses and victims of crimes as the Office of Victim Services deems appropriate within the resources available and to coordinate services to victims by state and community-based agencies, with priority given to victims of violent crimes, by (A) assigning [, in consultation with the Division of Criminal Justice,] such victim advocates as are necessary to provide assistance; (B) administering victim service programs; and (C) awarding grants or purchase of service contracts to private nonprofit organizations or local units of government for the direct delivery of services, except that the provision of training and technical assistance of victim service providers and the development and implementation of public education campaigns may be provided by private nonprofit or forprofit organizations or local units of government. Such grants and contracts shall be the predominant method by which the Office of Victim Services shall develop, implement and operate direct service programs and provide training and technical assistance to victim service providers;

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[(7)] (6) To provide each person who applies for compensation pursuant to section 54-204, as amended by this act, within ten days of the date of receipt of such application, with a written list of rights of victims of crime involving personal injury and the programs available in this state to assist such victims. The Office of Victim Services, the state or any agent, employee or officer thereof shall not be liable for the failure to supply such list or any alleged inadequacies of such list. Such list shall include, but not be limited to:

(A) Subject to the provisions of sections 18-81e and 51-286e, the victim shall have the right to be informed concerning the status of his or her case and to be informed of the release from custody of the defendant;

(B) Subject to the provisions of section 54-91c, the victim shall have

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the right to present a statement of his or her losses, injuries and wishes to the prosecutor and the court prior to the acceptance by the court of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere made pursuant to a plea agreement with the state wherein the defendant pleads to a lesser offense than the offense with which the defendant was originally charged;

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- (C) Subject to the provisions of section 54-91c, prior to the imposition of sentence upon the defendant, the victim shall have the right to submit a statement to the prosecutor as to the extent of any injuries, financial losses and loss of earnings directly resulting from the crime. Upon receipt of the statement, the prosecutor shall file the statement with the sentencing court and the statement shall be made a part of the record and considered by the court at the sentencing hearing;
- (D) Subject to the provisions of section 54-126a, the victim shall have the right to appear before a panel of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and make a statement as to whether the defendant should be released on parole and any terms or conditions to be imposed upon any such release;
- (E) Subject to the provisions of section 54-36a, the victim shall have the right to have any property the victim owns which was seized by police in connection with an arrest to be returned;
- (F) Subject to the provisions of sections 54-56e and 54-142c, the victim shall have the right to be notified of the application by the defendant for the pretrial program for accelerated rehabilitation and to obtain from the court information as to whether the criminal prosecution in the case has been dismissed;
- (G) Subject to the provisions of section 54-85b, the victim cannot be fired, harassed or otherwise retaliated against by an employer for appearing under a subpoena as a witness in any criminal prosecution;
- 1039 (H) Subject to the provisions of section 54-86g, the parent or legal

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guardian of a child twelve years of age or younger who is a victim of child abuse or sexual assault may request special procedural considerations to be taken during the testimony of the child;

- (I) Subject to the provisions of section 46b-15, <u>as amended by this act</u>, the victim of assault by a spouse or former spouse, family or household member has the right to request the arrest of the offender, request a protective order and apply for a restraining order;
- (J) Subject to the provisions of sections 52-146k, 54-86e and 54-86f, the victim of sexual assault or domestic violence can expect certain records to remain confidential; and
- (K) Subject to the provisions of section 53a-32, the victim and any victim advocate assigned to assist the victim may receive notification from a probation officer whenever the officer has notified a police officer that the probation officer has probable cause to believe that the offender has violated a condition of such offender's probation;
- [(8)] (7) Within available appropriations, to establish a victim's assistance center which shall [provide a victims' rights information clearinghouse which shall be a central repository of information regarding rights of victims of crime and services available to such victims and shall collect and disseminate such information to assist victims] (A) make available to any victims, information regarding victim's rights and available services, (B) maintain a victim's notification system pursuant to sections 54-227 to 54-230a, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 54-235, and (C) maintain a toll free number for access to information regarding victim's rights and available services;
- [(9) To provide a victims' notification clearinghouse which shall be a central repository for requests for notification filed pursuant to sections 54-228 and 54-229, and to notify persons who have filed such a request whenever an inmate has applied for release from a correctional institution or reduction of sentence or review of sentence pursuant to

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section 54-227 or whenever an inmate is scheduled to be released from a correctional institution and to provide victims of family violence crimes, upon request, information concerning any modification or termination of criminal orders of protection;]

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[(10)] (8) To provide a telephone helpline that shall provide information on referrals for various services for victims of crime and their families;

[(11)] (9) To provide staff services to a state advisory council. The council shall consist of not more than fifteen members to be appointed by the Chief Justice and shall include the Chief Victim Compensation Commissioner and members who represent victim populations, including but not limited to, homicide survivors, family violence victims, sexual assault victims, victims of drunk drivers, and assault and robbery victims, and members who represent the judicial branch and executive branch agencies involved with victims of crime. The members shall serve for terms of four years. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled by the appointing authority for the balance of the unexpired term. The members shall receive no compensation for their services. The council shall meet at least six times a year. The council shall recommend to the Office of Victim Services program, legislative or other matters which would improve services to victims of crime and develop and coordinate needs assessments for both courtbased and community-based victim services. The Chief Justice shall appoint two members to serve as cochairmen. Not later than December fifteenth of each year, the council shall report the results of its findings and activities to the Chief Court Administrator;

[(12)] (10) To utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services of private individuals, agencies and organizations as may from time to time be offered and needed;

[(13)] (11) To recommend policies and make recommendations to agencies and officers of the state and local subdivisions of government

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- 1103 [(14)] (12) To provide support and assistance to state-wide victim 1104 services coalitions and groups;
- 1105 [(15) Within available appropriations to establish a crime victims' 1106 information clearinghouse which shall be a central repository for 1107 information collected pursuant to subdivision (9) of this subsection 1108 and information made available through the criminal justice 1109 information system, to provide a toll-free telephone number for access 1110 to such information and to develop a plan, in consultation with all 1111 agencies required to provide notification to victims, outlining any 1112 needed statutory changes, resources and working agreements necessary to make the Office of Victim Services the lead agency for 1113 1114 notification of victims, which plan shall be submitted to the General 1115 Assembly not later than February 15, 2000;]
- 1116 [(16)] (13) To provide a training program for judges, prosecutors, 1117 police, probation and parole personnel, bail commissioners, intake, assessment and referral specialists, officers from the Department of 1119 Correction and judicial marshals to inform them of victims' rights and 1120 available services;
  - To establish (14) To (A) maintain, within available appropriations, a sexual assault forensic examiners program that will train and make available sexual assault forensic examiners to adolescent and adult victims of sexual assault who are patients at participating [acute care hospitals] health care facilities. In order to [establish and implement] maintain such program, the Office of Victim Services may apply for, receive, allocate, disburse and account for grants of funds made available by the United States, the state, foundations, corporations and other businesses, agencies individuals; or (B) establish, within available appropriations, a training program for health care professionals in non-participating health care facilities on the care of and collection of evidence from adolescent and

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- [(18)] (15) To provide victims of crime and the general public with information detailing the process by which a victim may register to receive notices of hearings of the Board of Pardons and Paroles; and
- [(19)] (16) To submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to victim services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on or before January 15, 2000, and biennially thereafter a report of its activities under sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-235, inclusive, as amended by this act, including, but not limited to, implementation of training activities and mandates. Such report shall include the types of training provided, entities providing training and recipients of training.
- Sec. 24. Section 54-204 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) Any person who may be eligible for compensation [or restitution services, or both,] pursuant to sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, may make application therefor to the Office of Victim Services. If the person entitled to make application is a minor or [incompetent] <u>a</u> person <u>who lacks capacity</u>, the application may be made on such person's behalf by a parent, guardian or other legal representative of the minor or [incompetent] <u>a</u> person <u>who lacks capacity</u>.
  - (b) In order to be eligible for compensation [or restitution] services under sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, the applicant shall prior to a determination on any application made pursuant to sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, submit reports if reasonably available from all physicians, [or] surgeons, [or] advanced practice registered nurses <u>or mental health professionals</u> who have treated or examined the victim in relation to the injury for which compensation is claimed at the time of or subsequent to the victim's injury or death. If in the opinion of the

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- 1164 Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation 1165 commissioner, reports on the previous medical history of the victim, 1166 examination of the injured victim and a report thereon or a report on 1167 the cause of death of the victim by an impartial medical expert would 1168 be of material aid to its just determination, said office or commissioner 1169 shall order such reports and examinations. Any information received 1170 which is confidential in accordance with any provision of the general 1171 statutes shall remain confidential while in the custody of the Office of 1172 Victim Services or a victim compensation commissioner.
- Sec. 25. Section 54-206 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1175 (a) The Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim 1176 compensation commissioner may, as part of any order entered under 1177 sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, 1178 determine and allow reasonable attorney's fees, which shall not exceed 1179 fifteen per cent of the amount awarded as compensation under section 1180 54-208, as amended by this act, to be paid out of but not in addition to 1181 the amount of such compensation. No [such] attorney shall ask for, 1182 contract for or receive any larger sum than the amount so allowed.
  - (b) The attorney representing the victim shall pay providers as documented by the Office of Victim Services. The attorney shall communicate with providers regarding outstanding balances after attorney's fees are deducted, and shall ensure payment to such providers.
- Sec. 26. Section 54-208 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) If a person [is injured] <u>suffers a personal injury</u> or <u>is</u> killed as provided in section 54-209, <u>as amended by this act</u>, the Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner may order the payment of compensation in accordance with the provisions of sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act:

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(1) To or for the benefit of the injured person; (2) in the case of personal injury of the victim, to any person responsible for the maintenance of the victim who has suffered pecuniary loss as a result of such injury; [or] (3) in the case of death of the victim, to or for the benefit of any one or more of the dependents of the victim including any dependent child of a homicide victim who was killed by the other parent or to any person who has suffered pecuniary loss, including, but not limited to, funeral expenses, as a result of such death; or (4) to any person who has suffered a pecuniary loss due to a crime scene cleanup.

(b) For the purposes of sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, a person shall be deemed to have intended an act notwithstanding that, by reason of age, insanity, drunkenness or otherwise, he was legally incapable of forming a criminal intent.

- (c) In determining whether to make an order under this section, the Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner shall consider all circumstances determined to be relevant, including, but not limited to, provocation, consent or any other behavior of the victim which directly or indirectly contributed to such victim's injury or death, the extent of the victim's cooperation in investigating the application and the extent of the victim's cooperation with law enforcement agencies in their efforts to apprehend and prosecute the offender, and any other relevant matters.
- (d) An order may be made under this section whether or not any person is prosecuted or convicted of any offense arising out of such act. [Upon application made by an appropriate prosecuting authority, the Office of Victim Services or a victim compensation commissioner may suspend making any determination or any proceedings, as the case may be, under sections 54-201 to 54-233, inclusive, for such period as it deems appropriate on the ground that a prosecution for an offense arising out of such act or omission has been commenced or is imminent.]

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(e) In determining the amount of compensation to be allowed, the Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner shall take into consideration amounts that the applicant has received or is eligible to receive from any other source or sources, including, but not limited to, payments from state and municipal agencies, [health] insurance benefits, and workers' compensation awards, as a result of the incident or offense giving rise to the application. For the purposes of this section, life insurance benefits received by the applicant shall not be taken into consideration by the Office of Victim Services or a victim compensation commissioner. In a case involving circumstances under which a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse, or a claimant in such a case, believes that the dissemination of treatment information associated with a health insurance claim would cause undue harm, the Office of Victim Services may waive the consideration of health insurance as a collateral source.

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- (f) Payments shall be made in a manner to be determined by the Office of Victim Services, including, but not limited to, lump sum or periodic payments. If an award is not claimed by the applicant within forty-five days after notice of the award, the Office of Victim Services may [vacate] administratively close such award or may order payments from such award to health care providers or victim service providers and [vacate] administratively close any remaining amount of such award.
- Sec. 27. Section 54-209 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) The Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner may order the payment of compensation in accordance with the provisions of sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, for personal injury or death which resulted from: (1) An attempt to prevent the commission of crime or to apprehend a suspected criminal or in aiding or attempting to aid a

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police officer so to do, (2) the commission or attempt to commit by another of any crime as provided in section 53a-24, (3) any crime that occurred outside the territorial boundaries of the United States that would be considered a crime within this state, provided the victim of such crime is a resident of this state, or (4) any crime involving international terrorism as defined in Section 2331 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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- (b) The Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner may also order the payment of compensation in accordance with the provisions of sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, for personal injury or death that resulted from the operation of a motor vehicle, water vessel, snow mobile or all-terrain vehicle by another person who was subsequently convicted with respect to such operation for a violation of subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-224, section 14-227a or 14-227m, subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n, [or section] subdivision (3) of section 14-386a or section 15-132a, 15-140l, 15-140n, 53a-56b or 53a-60d. In the absence of a conviction, the Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner, may order payment of compensation under this section if, upon consideration of all circumstances determined to be relevant, the office or commissioner, as the case may be, reasonably concludes that another person has operated a motor vehicle in violation of subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 14-224, section 14-227a or 14-227m, subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n, [or section] subdivision (3) of section <u>14-386a or section 15-132a, 15-140l, 15-140n,</u> 53a-56b or 53a-60d.
- (c) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no act involving the operation of a motor vehicle which results in injury shall constitute a crime for the purposes of sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, unless the injuries were intentionally inflicted through the use of the vehicle.

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(d) In instances where a violation of section 53-21, 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b, [or] 53a-73a, 53a-82 or 53a-192a has been alleged, the Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner, may order compensation be paid if (1) the personal injury has been disclosed to: (A) A physician or surgeon licensed under chapter 370; (B) a resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not licensed; (C) a physician assistant licensed under chapter 370; (D) an advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse or practical nurse licensed under chapter 378; (E) a psychologist licensed under chapter 383; (F) a police officer; (G) a mental health professional; (H) an emergency medical services provider licensed or certified under chapter 368d; (I) an alcohol and drug counselor licensed or certified under chapter 376b; (J) a marital and family therapist licensed under chapter 383a; (K) a domestic violence counselor or a sexual assault counselor, as defined in section 52-146k; (L) a professional counselor licensed under chapter 383c; (M) a clinical social worker licensed under chapter 383b; [or] (N) an employee of the Department of Children and Families; or (O) a school principal, school teacher or a school guidance counselor, and (2) the office or commissioner, as the case may be, reasonably concludes that a violation of any of said sections has occurred.

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(e) The Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner may also order the payment of compensation under sections 54-201 to 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, for personal injury suffered by a victim (1) as reported in an application for a restraining order under section 46b-15, as amended by this act, or an application for a civil protection order under section 46b-16a, as amended by this act, an affidavit supporting an application under section 46b-15, as amended by this act, or section 46b-16a, as amended by this act, or on the record to the court, provided such restraining order or civil protection order was granted in the Superior Court following a hearing; or (2) as disclosed to a domestic violence counselor or a sexual assault counselor, as such terms are defined in

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- 1323 section 52-146k.
- [(e)] (f) Evidence of an order for the payment of compensation by the Office of Victim Services or a victim compensation commissioner in accordance with the provisions of sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall not be admissible in any civil proceeding to prove the liability of any person for such personal injury or death or in any criminal proceeding to prove the guilt or innocence of any person for any crime.
- Sec. 28. Section 54-210 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1333 (a) The Office of Victim Services or a victim compensation 1334 commissioner may order the payment of compensation under sections 1335 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, for: (1) 1336 Expenses actually and reasonably incurred as a result of the personal 1337 injury or death of the victim, provided coverage for the cost of medical 1338 care and treatment of a crime victim who does not have medical 1339 insurance or who has exhausted coverage under applicable health 1340 insurance policies or Medicaid shall be ordered; (2) loss of earning 1341 power as a result of total or partial incapacity of such victim; (3) 1342 pecuniary loss to the spouse or dependents of the deceased victim, 1343 provided the family qualifies for compensation as a result of murder or 1344 manslaughter of the victim; (4) pecuniary loss to an injured victim or 1345 the relatives or dependents of an injured victim or a deceased victim 1346 for attendance at court proceedings with respect to the criminal case of 1347 the person or persons charged with committing the crime that resulted 1348 in the injury or death of the victim; [and] (5) loss of wages by any 1349 parent or guardian of a deceased victim, provided the amount paid 1350 under this subsection shall not exceed one week's net wage; and (6) 1351 any other loss, except as set forth in section 54-211, as amended by this 1352 act, resulting from the personal injury or death of the victim which the 1353 Office of Victim Services or a victim compensation commissioner, as 1354 the case may be, determines to be reasonable.

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(b) Payment of compensation under sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, may be made to a person who is a recipient of public assistance or state-administered general assistance for necessary and reasonable expenses related to injuries resulting from a crime and not provided for by the income assistance program in which such person is a participant. Unless required by federal law, no such payment shall be considered an asset for purposes of eligibility for such assistance.

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Sec. 29. Section 54-211 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) No order for the payment of compensation shall be made under section 54-210, as amended by this act, unless (A) the application has been made within two years after the date of the personal injury or death, (B) the personal injury or death was the result of an incident or offense listed in section 54-209, as amended by this act, and (C) such incident or offense has been reported to the police within five days of its occurrence or, if the incident or offense could not reasonably have been reported within such period, within five days of the time when a report could reasonably have been made, except that a victim of a sexual assault shall not be ineligible for the payment of compensation by reason of failing to make a report pursuant to this subparagraph if such victim presented himself or herself to a health care facility within [seventy-two] one hundred twenty hours of such sexual assault for examination and collection of evidence of such sexual assault in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-112a, or if such victim complied with subsection (d) of section 54-209, as amended by this act. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, any person who, before, on or after October 1, 2005, fails to make application for compensation within two years after the date of the personal injury or death as a result of physical, emotional or psychological injuries caused by such personal injury or death may apply for a waiver of such time limitation. The Office of Victim Services, upon a finding of

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such physical, emotional or psychological injury, may grant such waiver. (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, any minor, including, but not limited to, a minor who is a victim of conduct by another person that constitutes a violation of section 53a-192a or a criminal violation of 18 USC Chapter 77, who, before, on or after October 1, 2005, fails to make application for compensation within two years after the date of the personal injury or death through no fault of the minor, may apply for a waiver of such time limitation. The Office of Victim Services, upon a finding that such minor is not at fault, may grant such waiver. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, a person who is a dependent of a victim may make application for payment of compensation not later than two years from the date that such person discovers or in the exercise of reasonable care should have discovered that the person upon whom the applicant was dependent was a victim. [or ninety days after May 26, 2000, whichever is later.] Such person shall file with such application a statement signed under penalty of false statement setting forth the date when such person discovered that the person upon whom the applicant was dependent was a victim and the circumstances that prevented such person discovering that the person upon whom the applicant was dependent was a victim until more than two years after the date of the incident or offense. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a person who files such a statement and is otherwise eligible for compensation pursuant to sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, is entitled to compensation. (5) Any waiver denied by the Office of Victim Services under this subsection may be reviewed by a victim compensation commissioner, provided such request for review is made by the applicant within thirty days from the mailing of the notice of denial by the Office of Victim Services. If a victim compensation commissioner grants such waiver, the commissioner shall refer the application for compensation to the Office of Victim Services for a determination pursuant to section 54-205, as amended by this act. (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of this

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subsection, the Office of Victim Services may, for good cause shown and upon a finding of compelling equitable circumstances, waive the time limitations of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

- (b) No compensation shall be awarded if: (1) The offender is unjustly enriched by the award, provided compensation awarded to a victim which would benefit the offender in a minimal or inconsequential manner shall not be considered unjust enrichment; (2) the victim violated a penal law of this state, which violation caused or contributed to his injuries or death.
- (c) [No] Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, no compensation shall be awarded for losses sustained for crimes against property or for noneconomic detriment such as pain and suffering.
  - (d) (1) No compensation shall be in an amount in excess of fifteen thousand dollars for personal injury except that: (A) [compensation] Compensation to or for the benefit of the dependents of a homicide victim shall be in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars; [. The] (B) the claims of the dependents of a deceased victim, as provided in section 54-208, as amended by this act, shall be considered derivative of the claim of such victim and the total compensation paid for all claims arising from the death of such victim shall not exceed a maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars; and (C) in cases of emotional harm only, compensation for medical and mental health care shall not be in an amount in excess of five thousand dollars.
  - (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the Office of Victim Services or a victim compensation commissioner may, for good cause shown and upon a finding of compelling equitable circumstances, award compensation in an amount in excess of the maximum amounts set forth in said subdivision.
- 1451 (e) Orders for payment of compensation pursuant to sections 54-201 1452 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, may be made only

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as to injuries or death resulting from incidents or offenses arising on and after January 1, 1979, except that orders for payment of compensation pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-209, as amended by this act, may be made only as to injuries or death resulting from incidents or offenses arising on and after July 1, 1985.

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(f) Compensation shall be awarded pursuant to sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, for bodily injury or death resulting from a crime which occurs (1) within this state, regardless of the residency of the applicant; (2) outside this state but within the territorial boundaries of the United States, provided the victim, at the time of injury or death, was a resident of this state and the state in which such crime occurred does not have a program for compensation of victims for which such victim is eligible; [and] (3) outside the territorial boundaries of the United States provided that the victim was a resident of this state at the time of injury or death, that the crime would be considered a crime within the State of Connecticut, and that the country in which such crime occurred does not have a program for compensation of victims for which such victim is eligible; and (4) outside the territorial boundaries of the United States, provided the applicant is a victim of international terrorism, as defined in Section 2331 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and was a resident of this state at the time of injury or death.

Sec. 30. Section 54-211a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any applicant aggrieved by an order or decision of a victim compensation commissioner may appeal by way of a demand for a trial de novo to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford. The appeal shall be taken [within] not later than thirty days after [mailing of the order or decision, or if there is no mailing, within thirty days after personal delivery of such order or decision] the date on which an order or decision is sent to the applicant by first class mail or electronic mail. Delivery by electronic mail is complete upon sending

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the electronic notice of the order or decision unless the sender of such electronic mail learns that the attempted delivery did not reach the electronic mail address of the intended recipient.

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- Sec. 31. Section 54-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):
- (a) Whenever an order for the payment of compensation for personal injury or death or for the provision of [restitution] compensation services is or has been made under sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, the Office of Victim Services shall, upon payment of the amount of the order or the provision of such services, be subrogated to the cause of action of the applicant against the person or persons responsible for such injury or death. The Attorney General, on behalf of the Office of Victim Services, shall be entitled to bring an action and, if the Attorney General declines to do so, the office may hire a private attorney to bring an action against such person or persons and to recover, whether by judgment, settlement or compromise settlement before or after judgment, the amount of damages sustained by the applicant and shall furnish the applicant with a copy of the action taken within thirty days of the filing of such action. If an amount greater than two-thirds of that paid pursuant to any such order is recovered and collected in any such action, whether by judgment, settlement or compromise settlement before or after judgment, the state shall pay the balance exceeding twothirds of the amount paid pursuant to such order to the applicant less any costs and expenses incurred therefor.
  - (b) If the applicant brings an action against the person or persons responsible for such injury or death to recover damages arising out of the crime for which an award has been granted, or, if the applicant recovers money from any other source or sources including, but not limited to, payments from state or municipal agencies, insurance benefits or workers' compensation awards as a result of the incident or offense giving rise to the application, the Office of Victim Services shall

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1517 have a lien on the applicant's recovery for the amount to which the 1518 office is entitled to reimbursement. If an action is brought by the 1519 applicant against the person or persons responsible for the injury or 1520 death, the applicant shall notify the Office of Victim Services of the 1521 filing of such complaint within thirty days of the filing of the 1522 complaint in court. Whenever an applicant recovers damages, whether 1523 by judgment, settlement or compromise settlement before or after 1524 judgment, from the person or persons responsible for such injury, and 1525 whenever an applicant recovers money from any other source or 1526 sources including, but not limited to, payments from state or 1527 municipal agencies, insurance benefits or workers' compensation 1528 awards as a result of the incident or offense giving rise to the 1529 application, the Office of Victim Services is entitled to reimbursement 1530 from the applicant for two-thirds of the amount paid pursuant to any 1531 order for the payment of compensation for personal injury or death. 1532 [or for the provision of restitution services.]

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, if the Office of Victim Services finds that enforcement of its subrogation rights would cause undue harm to the applicant, the office may abrogate such rights. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, if the Office of Victim Services finds that enforcement of its lien rights would cause undue harm to the applicant, the office may abrogate such rights. "Undue harm" includes, but is not limited to, considerations of victim safety and recovery by the applicant of an amount that is less than the applicant's compensable economic losses.

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- Sec. 32. Section 54-213 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- No award made pursuant to sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, shall be subject to execution or attachment other than for expenses resulting from the injury which is the basis for the claim.

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Sec. 33. Section 54-215 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Office of Victim Services shall establish a Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund for the purpose of funding the compensation [and restitution] services provided for by sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act. The fund may contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund and shall be held by the Treasurer separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. The interest derived from the investment of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Amounts in the fund may be expended only pursuant to appropriation by the General Assembly, except that any recovery from the person or persons responsible for the injury or death or any reimbursement from the applicant received by the Office of Victim Services pursuant to section 54-212, as amended by this act, and deposited in the fund may be expended in the subsequent fiscal year. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

(b) The cost paid into court under section 54-143 shall be deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become a part of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Any restitution collected by the Court Support Services Division pursuant to section 46b-140, 53a-30, as amended by this act, or 54-56e which is not disbursed within five years after the date such restitution is collected, because the victim could not be located, shall be deposited in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Any restitution collected pursuant to section 46b-140 or 54-56e on or before May 8, 1997, that has not been disbursed as of October 1, 2003, shall be deposited in the fund. If payment is awarded under section 54-210, as amended by this act, and thereafter the court orders the defendant in the criminal case from which such injury or death resulted to make restitution, any money collected as restitution shall be paid to the fund unless the court directs otherwise. The Office of Victim Services may apply for and receive moneys for the fund from any federal, state or private source.

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(c) Any administrative costs related to the operation of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, including credits to and payments of compensation therefrom, shall be paid from the fund. Administrative costs of providing direct services, the proportionate share of any fixed costs associated with such services, the costs of providing direct services to victims and witnesses of crimes in accordance with subdivision [(6)] (5) of subsection (b) of section 54-203, as amended by this act, and any services offered by the Office of Victim Services to witnesses and victims of crime may be budgeted for payment from the fund.

- Sec. 34. Section 54-216 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) The Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner may order [that] <u>payment for services</u> [be provided for the restitution of] <u>to any person determined to be eligible</u> for such services in accordance with the provisions of sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>. Such services may include, but shall not be limited to, medical, psychiatric, psychological and social services and social rehabilitation services.
  - (b) The Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner may order that such [restitution] services be provided to victims of child abuse and members of their families, victims of sexual assault and members of their families, victims of domestic violence and members of their families, members of the family of any victim of homicide, and children who witness domestic violence, including, but not limited to, children who are not related to the victim. For the purposes of this subsection, "members of their families" or "member of the family" does not include the person responsible for such child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence or homicide.
- 1612 (c) The Office of Victim Services may contract with any public or

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1613 private agency for any services ordered under this section.

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Sec. 35. Section 54-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 54-204, as amended by this act, and 54-205, as amended by this act, if [it appears to the Office of Victim Services, prior to taking action upon a claim and based upon a review of all information [then] available, [to] the Office of Victim Services [, that such] determines that a claim is one with respect to which [an award probably will be made and] undue hardship will result to the claimant if payment is not expedited, the Office of Victim Services may [make an emergency award to the claimant pending a final determination on the claimant's application, provided (1) the amount of such emergency award shall not exceed two thousand dollars, (2) the amount of such emergency award shall be deducted from any final award made to the claimant, and (3) the excess of the amount of such emergency award over the final award, or the full amount of the emergency award if no final award is made, shall be repaid by the claimant to the Office of Victim Services] expedite the processing of such claim.

- Sec. 36. Section 54-220 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) Victim advocates shall have the following responsibilities and duties: (1) To provide initial screening of each personal injury case; (2) to assist victims in the preparation of victim impact statements; [to be placed in court files;] (3) to notify victims of their rights and request that each victim so notified attest to the fact of such notification of rights on a form developed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, which form shall be signed by the victim advocate and the victim and be placed in court files and a copy of which form shall be provided to the victim; (4) to provide information and advice to victims in order to assist such victims in exercising their rights

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throughout the criminal justice process; (5) to direct victims to public and private agencies for service; (6) to coordinate victim applications to the Office of Victim Services; and (7) to assist victims in the processing of claims for restitution.

- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, upon request, a victim advocate shall be provided with a copy of a police report in the possession of the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, any municipal police department or any other law enforcement agency that the victim advocate requires to perform the responsibilities and duties set forth in subsection (a) of this section.
- [(b)] (c) Within available appropriations, the Office of Victim Services may contract with any public or private agency for victim advocate services in geographical area courts.
- Sec. 37. Section 54-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) Upon receipt of notice from an inmate pursuant to section 54-227, the Office of Victim Services shall notify by [certified] mail all persons who have requested to be notified pursuant to subsection (a) of section 54-228 and section 54-229 whenever such inmate makes application for release or sentence reduction or review. Such notice shall be in writing and notify each person of the nature of the release or sentence reduction or review being applied for, the address and telephone number of the board or agency to which the application by the inmate was made, and the date and place of the hearing or session, if any, scheduled on the application.
  - (b) Upon receipt of notice from a person pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-227, the Office of Victim Services shall notify by [certified] mail all persons who have requested to be notified pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-228 whenever such person files an application with the court to be exempted from the registration

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requirements of section 54-251 pursuant to subsections (b) or (c) of said section or files a petition with the court pursuant to section 54-255 for an order restricting the dissemination of the registration information, or removing such restriction. Such notice shall be in writing and notify each person of the nature of the exemption or of the restriction or removal of the restriction being applied for, the address and telephone number of the court to which the application or petition by the person was made, and the date and place of the hearing or session, if any, scheduled on the application or petition.

- (c) Upon compliance with the notification requirements of this section, the Office of Victim Services shall notify, on a form prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, the board, agency or court to which the application or petition was made of such compliance.
- (d) Upon receipt of notice from the Department of Correction pursuant to section 54-231, the Office of Victim Services shall notify by [certified] mail all victims who have requested to be notified pursuant to section 54-228 whenever such inmate is scheduled to be released from a correctional institution. Such notice shall be in writing and notify each victim of the date of such inmate's release. The victim shall notify the Office of Victim Services of his or her current mailing address and telephone number, which shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Office of Victim Services. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Office of Victim Services, the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction from communicating with each other for the purpose of facilitating notification to a victim and disclosing to each other the name, mailing address and telephone number of the victim, provided such information shall not be further disclosed.
- Sec. 38. Section 54-230a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) Upon receipt of notice from an inmate pursuant to section 54-227, the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction shall notify by [certified] mail all persons who have requested to be notified pursuant to subsection (a) of section 54-228 and section 54-229 whenever such inmate makes application for release or sentence reduction or review. Such notice shall be in writing and notify each person of the nature of the release or sentence reduction or review being applied for, the address and telephone number of the board or agency to which the application by the inmate was made, and the date and place of the hearing or session, if any, scheduled on the application.

(b) Upon receipt of notice from a person pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-227, the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction shall notify by [certified] mail all persons who have requested to be notified pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-228 whenever such person files an application with the court to be exempted from the registration requirements of section 54-251 pursuant to subsections (b) or (c) of said section or files a petition with the court pursuant to section 54-255 for an order restricting the dissemination of the registration information, or removing such restriction. Such notice shall be in writing and notify each person of the nature of the exemption or of the restriction or the removal of the restriction being applied for, the address and telephone number of the court to which the application or petition by the person was made, and the date and place of the hearing or session, if any, scheduled on the application or petition.

(c) Upon compliance with the notification requirements of this section, the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction shall notify, on a form prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, the board, agency or court to which the application or petition was made of such compliance.

1737 Sec. 39. (NEW) (Effective from passage) If at any point in the debt

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1738 collection process, whether before or after the entry of judgment, a 1739 health care provider, a consumer collection agency acting on behalf of 1740 a health care provider, an attorney representing a health care provider 1741 or an employee or agent of a health care provider, becomes aware that 1742 a debtor from whom payment is sought has a pending claim under 1743 sections 54-201 to 54-218, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended 1744 by this act, relating to the treatment that resulted in the debt, such 1745 health care provider, consumer collection agency, attorney, employee 1746 or agent, shall promptly discontinue any collection efforts until (1) an 1747 award is made on such claim, (2) the claim is approved without 1748 payment, or (3) the claim is determined to be noncompensable 1749 pursuant to section 54-208 of the general statutes, as amended by this 1750 act. Any applicable statute of limitations for the collection of such debt 1751 shall be tolled during the period for which the suspension of debt 1752 collection is required pursuant to this section. For the purposes of this 1753 section "health care provider" has the same meaning as "provider" 1754 under section 20-7b of the general statutes, and includes an institution, 1755 as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, and any health 1756 care institution or facility operated by the state.

Sec. 40. Subsection (a) of section 54-56p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (a) The court may, in its discretion, invoke a program on motion of a defendant or on motion of a state's attorney or prosecuting attorney with respect to a defendant who (1) [is] was under twenty-one years of age at the time of the offense, (2) is charged with a motor vehicle violation, or a violation of section 30-88a, subsection (a) or (b) of section 30-89 or section 30-89a, and (3) has not previously had such program invoked in such person's behalf.
- Sec. 41. Section 53a-46d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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A victim impact statement prepared with the assistance of a victim advocate [to be placed in court files in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 54-220] may be read in court prior to imposition of sentence upon a defendant found guilty of a crime punishable by death or life imprisonment without the possibility of release.

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- Sec. 42. Subsection (a) of section 46b-133g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1778 (a) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Court Support Services 1779 Division of the Judicial Department shall develop and implement a 1780 detention risk assessment instrument to be used to determine, based 1781 on the risk level, whether there is: (1) Probable cause to believe that a 1782 child will pose a risk to public safety if released to the community 1783 prior to the court hearing or disposition, or (2) a need to hold the child 1784 in order to ensure the child's appearance before the court, as 1785 demonstrated by the child's previous failure to respond to the court 1786 process. Such instrument shall be used when assessing whether a child 1787 should be detained pursuant to section 46b-133. Any detention 1788 screening shall be subject to the protections of subsection [(1)] (k) of 1789 section 46b-124, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 43. Subsection (b) of section 19a-112f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (b) The committee shall advise the Office of Victim Services on the establishment and implementation of the sexual assault forensic examiners program pursuant to subdivision [(17)] (14) of subsection (b) of section 54-203, as amended by this act, and section 19a-112g. The committee shall make specific recommendations concerning: (1) The recruitment of registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses and physicians to participate in such program; (2) the development of

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1800 a specialized training course concerning such program for registered 1801 nurses, advanced practice registered nurses and physicians who 1802 participate in the program; (3) the development of agreements between 1803 the Judicial Branch, the Department of Public Health and acute care 1804 hospitals relating to the scope of services offered under the program 1805 and hospital standards governing the provision of such services; (4) 1806 individual case tracking mechanisms; (5) utilization of medically 1807 accepted best practices; and (6) the development of quality assurance 1808 measures.

- Sec. 44. Subsection (a) of section 54-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) On or before July 1, 1993, the Governor shall appoint five victim compensation commissioners for a term of four years to conduct hearings and make determinations as provided in sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act. To be eligible for appointment, a victim compensation commissioner shall have been admitted to the practice of law in this state for at least five years prior to the appointment.
- Sec. 45. Section 54-205 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) Upon application made under the provisions of sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, the Office of Victim Services shall evaluate such application, make an appropriate determination in writing, and provide notice to the applicant of such determination. In order to make a determination on an application, the Office of Victim Services may administer oaths or affirmations, may subpoena any witness to appear or may issue a subpoena duces tecum, provided no subpoena shall be issued except under the signature of a victim compensation commissioner. Any application to any court for aid in enforcing such subpoena may be made in the name of the Office

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of Victim Services only by a victim compensation commissioner. Subpoenas shall be served by any person designated by a victim

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(b) An applicant may request that a determination made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section be reviewed by a victim compensation commissioner by filing a request for review with the Office of Victim Services, on a form prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, within thirty days from mailing of the notice of such determination.

(c) For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, a victim compensation commissioner shall hear any request for review filed by an applicant pursuant to sections 54-201 to [54-233] 54-218, inclusive, as amended by this act, to which such commissioner is assigned and shall make a written determination on such application for compensation. A victim compensation commissioner shall hold such hearings and take such testimony as such commissioner may deem advisable. A commissioner may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses and shall have full power to subpoena any witness to appear and give testimony or to issue a subpoena duces tecum. Subpoenas shall be served by any person designated by a victim compensation commissioner.

(d) No witness under subpoena authorized to be issued by the provisions of this section shall be excused from testifying or from producing records, papers or documents. If any person disobeys such process or, having appeared in obedience thereto, refuses to answer any pertinent question put to him by the victim compensation commissioner or to produce any records, papers or documents and appears pursuant thereto, said commissioner may apply to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, setting forth such disobedience to process or refusal to answer. The court shall cite such person to appear before said court to answer such question or to

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produce such records, papers or documents or to show cause why a question put to him should not be answered or why such records, papers or documents should not be produced. Upon such person's refusal to answer or produce records, papers or documents or to show cause, the court may commit such person to a community correctional center until such person complies, but not for a longer period than sixty days. Notwithstanding any such commitment of such person, the victim compensation commissioner may proceed with the hearing as if such witness had testified adversely regarding his interest in the proceeding.

- (e) The applicant and any other person having a substantial interest in a proceeding may appear before the victim compensation commissioner and be heard, produce evidence and cross-examine witnesses in person or by his attorney. The victim compensation commissioner also may hear such other persons as in the commissioner's judgment may have relevant evidence to submit.
- (f) Any statement, document, information or matter may be considered by the Office of Victim Services or, on review, by a victim compensation commissioner, if in the opinion of said office or commissioner, it contributes to a determination of the claim, whether or not the same would be admissible in a court of law.
- (g) If any person has been convicted of any offense with respect to an act on which a claim under sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, is based, proof of that conviction shall be taken as conclusive evidence that the offense has been committed by such person, unless an appeal or any proceeding with regard thereto is pending.
- Sec. 46. Section 54-207a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- The Office of the Chief Court Administrator shall prescribe such policies and procedures, as deemed necessary, to implement the

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provisions of sections 54-201 to [54-233] <u>54-218</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended</u> by this act, and may formulate standards for the uniform application of the payment of compensation of claims.

Sec. 47. Sections 46b-147a, 54-225 and 54-233 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2017	46b-15(b)	
Sec. 2	October 1, 2017	46b-16a(a) and (b)	
Sec. 3	October 1, 2017	46b-124	
Sec. 4	October 1, 2017	New section	
Sec. 5	October 1, 2017	46b-133e(b)	
Sec. 6	from passage	46b-231(f)(1)	
Sec. 7	October 1, 2017	47a-70(a)	
Sec. 8	from passage	51-181(a)	
Sec. 9	from passage	51-196(e)	
Sec. 10	October 1, 2017	51-215	
Sec. 11	October 1, 2017	51-217(a)	
Sec. 12	October 1, 2017	51-345	
Sec. 13	from passage	51-346(a)	
Sec. 14	from passage	51-347(a)	
Sec. 15	from passage	51-27c	
Sec. 16	from passage	51-348(b)	
Sec. 17	October 1, 2017	51-349	
Sec. 18	October 1, 2017	52-259(a)	
Sec. 19	October 1, 2017	53a-28a	
Sec. 20	October 1, 2017	53a-30(a)	
Sec. 21	from passage	54-56j(h)	
Sec. 22	from passage	54-201	
Sec. 23	from passage	54-203	
Sec. 24	from passage	54-204	
Sec. 25	from passage	54-206	
Sec. 26	from passage	54-208	
Sec. 27	from passage	54-209	
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Sec. 30	from passage	54-211a
Sec. 31	October 1, 2017	54-212
Sec. 32	from passage	54-213
Sec. 33	from passage	54-215
Sec. 34	from passage	54-216
Sec. 35	from passage	54-217
Sec. 36	from passage	54-220
Sec. 37	from passage	54-230
Sec. 38	from passage	54-230a
Sec. 39	from passage	New section
Sec. 40	from passage	54-56p(a)
Sec. 41	from passage	53a-46d
Sec. 42	from passage	46b-133g(a)
Sec. 43	from passage	19a-112f(b)
Sec. 44	from passage	54-202(a)
Sec. 45	from passage	54-205
Sec. 46	from passage	54-207a
Sec. 47	from passage	Repealer section

## Statement of Purpose:

To make various revisions to statutes affecting court operations, court procedures and the Office of Victim Services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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